

**William Denny to John Stanwix, July 7, 1757, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM GOVERNOR DENNY<sup>1</sup> TO COLONEL STANWIX.**

PHILADELPHIA 7th. July 1757.

DEAR SIR

I acknowledge the Receipt of your kind Letter of the Twenty Eight of June with the Papers, which I have copied and are all returned You. I am glad the Affair does not turn out so bad as was expected, tho' a great deal of Mischief may be done by such a strong Party dividing itself into small ones, and murdering the Inhabitants—Woud but the People take up Arms, and hunt the Indians as they are hunted themselves, they might better protect their Wives, Children and Plantations.

I think with Mr. Croghan that the Cherokees shoud be well rewarded, and shall recommend it to the Commissioners to furnish the necessary Presents.

I have this morning received a Letter, giving me an Account, that Teedyuscung<sup>2</sup> is arrived at Fort Allen, and expects One Hundred Seneca Indians there, to accompany him to the Treaty which is to be held at Easton. I will not proceed to treat till Mr. Croghan either comes to me, or I know he is at Easton. It is left to him to take which Road he pleases. Pray send an Express with my Letter to him wherever he is. He can likewise assist the Commissioners to provide things for the Cherokee Present, which may be sent up to You,

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if You please to take upon You the Trouble of employing some proper Person to distribute them.

I very much approve of your burying the bad Provisions, and ordering the Men to be supplied with good, which I shall communicate to the Commissioners with your Remarks on the *new Doctrine in Service*, in not trusting the Commander of a Battalion with a single Shilling of ready Money. The Governor is upon the same Footing.

Mr. Peters sends You the Gazette, in which You will see a Paragraph of the sailing of Admiral Holbourne with Fifteen Sail of the Line &c, of which I give You Joy. Capt. Rankin is a Person of Character and may be depended on.

I am, Dear Sir, very sincerely Your most obedient humble servant WILLIAM DENNY.

Pray make my compliments, and say something for me to the Officers.

Please to forward the enclosed Letter to Mr. Atkin at Winchester; it comes from Sir William Johnson, & contains Matters of Consequence. If he should be gone, Col. Washington will send it after him wherever he is.

1 Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania from August, 1756, to October, 1759. This, the original letter, evidently forwarded by Colonel Stanwix to Washington.

2 King Teedyscung, chief of the Delawares, whose behavior had already given much concern. "The King and his wild Company were perpetually drunk, very much on the gascoon, and at times abusive to the inhabitants, for they all spoke English more or less. The King was full of himself, saying frequently, that which side soever he took must stand, and the other fall; repeating it with insolence, that he came from the French, who had pressed him much to join them against the English, that now he was in the middle between the French and English, quite disengaged from both sides and whether he joined with the English or French he would publish it aloud to the World that all nations might know it." – Diary of Major Parsons, Pennsylvania Archives, vol. ii. p. 724.